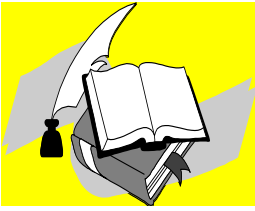


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BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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When I was a new Christian back in 1963, my pilgrimage took me down the road of doctrinal correctness. I'm very grateful for that foundation. But as I desired to know Jesus better, I was confronted by His love. Suddenly Christ was asking me to consider relationships. Very clearly I remember saying to myself, "I'm really in trouble now." Formerly I considered Christian love a soft and minimal subject, something relegated perhaps to women.

But prison ministry has taught me something quite different. The love of Christ modeled by the Church has to be tough, patient, consistent, and hope-focused. It's a high calling and a privileged service. Now I'm proud to be associated with a team of dedicated counselors and spiritual interveners. We serve a marginal group, one that was in most cases denied the kind of love most of us have experienced in our families. So we pick up the burden, fill the void, and speak the truth in love. Jesus' sacrifice becomes our own. Give us a call or an email or a letter if you would like to join us.

Rodger Turley, Director

HOPE AND AN EXPECTED END

"He has saved my life and my sanity. He has given me hope and an expected end. He has instilled in me a longing for a personal relationship with Him. He has made me want to diligently study His Word. He has given me a future and a purpose to bring glory to God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. Praise God!" **Randall**

LIFE IN CHRIST IS SO AWESOME

"Every time I read and study one of the four gospels [Mark exam completed] I learn something new and my intimacy with Jesus grows stronger. My new life in Christ is so awesome! I can't even come close to expressing in words what I am experiencing. Thank you, Jesus; You are so awesome! Thank you too, Write-Way. You guys are awesome too!" **William**

YOUR WORK IS NOT IN VAIN

"Once again I want to thank all who are servants of the Lord. I want you to know that your work is not in vain, and the Lord said in due season you shall reap if you faint not. So don't grow weary. The work you all do will bear fruit as God gives the increase. Don't lose focus; keep doing what God has commissioned you." **Michael**

EMMAUS IS AT THE TOP

"Today is July 10, 2017 and I am so very happy that today I received my certificate for completing 48 credit units with GPA of 95.7. I have been studying my Bible diligently since 10/31/2010. I have taken many Bible studies, but I want you to know that the Emmaus School is at the top of the list. Taking these courses has been the most important and satisfying part of my imprisonment." **Lyman**

EACH STUDY TOUCHES HOME

"Well, I've often said I can relate to many of the study guides Write-Way has sent, and this one is no different [Guide to Christian Growth]. Each study touches home and is a subject I'm dealing with or going through. That is why I enjoy them." **Keith**

Love one another, as I have loved you.

John 13:34

In Memoriam Gifts

Jim Collins

by Carolyn Engholm/BR088

Elaine Warren

by Nell Wilson/BR078

Thank you for these Remembrance Gifts

OUR MISSION: *To introduce Jesus Christ to each incarcerated person in Texas and Louisiana through a curriculum of English and Spanish Bible correspondence courses that are free, postpaid, and volunteer graded.*

AN ANSWER TO MY PRAYERS

"I really enjoyed this special course that was assigned to me [*Managing Anger God's Way*]. I would use, 'Be angry and sin not' as an excuse to be angry. Now I know I was wrong. I'm already liking this study.

"Selfishness only serves self and alienates those we hold dear. It is something I have prayed about, so this study is an answer to my prayers.

"My pattern is to blow up and plot revenge. Yes, I do need to change it. I will change it by using this study and reviewing it. I will also teach others using this study. This is what Bill Wilson, founder of AA, did to stay sober. He decided in order for him to stay sober, he had to help others to stay sober."

William

ADDICTED TO GOD

"[Correspondence courses have helped] me tremendously. My love for God and my hunger for righteousness are beyond my understanding. When I was in the free world I got high every day. Now I am addicted to God and His Word. PTL!

"I have peace. I have understanding of His Word. I will continue to seek His Word, memorizing His Word. How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to His Word. Amen, PTL! I could go on and on. I love God today." **Frank**

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BY THE NUMBERS

JUNE 2017 **YTD 2017**

Ministry Statistics

Enrolled Students	8,125	8,125
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	726	5,008
Professions of Faith	83	478
Course Books Mailed	5,339	28,954
Course Exams Completed	3,773	20,738
Students Graduated (72 units)	11	91

Operation Finances

Expenses:	\$19,142.10	113,008.08
Postage: \$	6,261.47	
Courses: \$	6,811.06	
Staff support: \$	2,066.60	
Other: \$	3,926.16	
Donations:	\$11,212.97	143,822.18
NET:	(\$7,929.13)	\$30,814.10

WHAT I DID IN PRISON

"May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you all. I received the certificate for 5 units of study. Thank you very much. I will cherish them all my life and show people what I did while I was in prison. Pray for me." **Silva**

I AM FOUND

"I am born again. Before, I was alive, but dead. Now I am living and God is living in me. In the free world I was lost; in prison I am found." **Paula**

What ... prompts you to worship Him?

"The fact that He knew how horrible the following days would be [for Himself], but He loved US so much that He went forward anyway." **Stephanie**

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